

## **Prayer for the Modernist, Humanist, and Feminist**

[These series of prayers are to be said for or by someone who is a Modernist, a Humanist, and/or a Feminist whenever possible. They aim to help re-establish or establish a proper relationship with God that is based on love, peace, holiness, and the salvation of the soul.]

### **Introduction**

Let us confess, adore, and praise the holy and glorious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude. May mercy and compassion be poured forth upon us in this world and the next. O Lord, our God, to you be glory for ever. Amen!

### **First Prayer**

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your incarnation you perfected the Old Testament and by your manifestation you brought forth the New Testament. In your love for all people you betrothed the Church of all nations, and in your grace you established its foundation on Peter and the Twelve Apostles. Now make us worthy to thank you and exalt you with Simon Peter at your heavenly banquet, to rejoice with Paul in your paradise, and to find happiness with John in your kingdom. Then, with all who have accomplished your will, we will glorify you, O Christ, your Father, and Your Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen!

### **Praise of the Angles**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth and good will to all. Praise the Lord, all you nations, glorify him, all you peoples! For steadfast is his mercy toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures for ever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and peace on earth and good will to all.

### **Second Prayer**

Lord, have mercy on us and save us. Lord, may your cross be the guardian of your Holy Church, Your right hand its guide and companion, your help its protection, and your salvation its powerful fortress. With your children, may the Holy Church sing you a hymn of praise and give thanks to You, Your Father, and Your Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen!

### **First Hymn**

**Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered:** The Light of the just and joy of the upright in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Begotten of the Father, he manifested Himself to us. He came to rescue us from darkness and to fill us with the radiance of his light. Day is dawning upon us; the power of

darkness is fading away. From the true Light there arises from us the light which illumines our darkened eyes.

**Let those who hate him flee before him:** His glory shines upon the world and enlightens the very depths of the abyss. Death is annihilated, night has vanished, and the gates of Sheol are broken. Creatures lying in darkness from ancient times are clothed in light. The dead arise from the dust and sing because they have a Saviour. He brings salvation and grants us life. He ascends to his Father on high. He will return in glorious splendour and shed his light on those gazing upon him.

**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away:** Our King comes in majestic glory, let us light our lamps and go forth to meet him. Let us find our joy in him, for he has found joy in us. He will indeed rejoice us with his marvellous light. Let us glorify the majesty of the Son and give thanks to the almighty Father, who, in an outpouring of love, sent him to us, to fill us with hope and salvation.

**As wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God:** When he manifests Himself, the saints awaiting Him in weariness and sorrow, will go forth to meet Him with lighted lamps. The angels and guardians of Heaven will rejoice in the glory of the just and upright people of the Earth; together, crowned with victory, they will sing hymns and psalms. Stand up then and be ready! Give thanks to our King and Saviour, who will come in great glory to gladden us with his marvellous light in his kingdom. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen! Alleluia!

### **Third Prayer**

Lord, have mercy on us and save us. Good Lord, in your mercy you humbled yourself and willingly offered yourself to the passion and the cross. For three days, you were buried in the tomb for all of humanity, and by your glorious resurrection, you broke the bonds of death. Break now the bonds of sin which bind our souls. Clothe us with incorruptibility and count us among the children of your marvellous heavenly light. Then, with the saints to whom you have given life through your resurrection, we shall give you glory, now and for ever. Amen!

### **Second Hymn**

**Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler, and rise for my help! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers:** O Lord, we have battled in your arena to the point of exhaustion. We have borne the day of combat and the heat of ordeal.

**Say to my soul, "I am your deliverance!" Let them be put to shame and dishonour who seek after my life:** In the service of your covenant, we have kept watch during the night, confident in the fulfillment of your promise. We have made use of our talents with no concern for the pain.

On the Day of reckoning, when all will be laid before your throne of judgment, in your kindness, do not forget what we have endured.

**Let them be turned back and confounded who devise evil against me! Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them on! Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them! For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life. Let ruin come upon them unawares! And let the net which they hid ensnare them; let them fall therein to ruin! Then my soul shall rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his deliverance:** We belong to the Church, to which you have entrusted the treasure of hope; do not shame us as lazy servants or strangers, but open your door for us that we may enter into the dwelling of your chosen ones.

### Hymn

At the end of time, when the combat will end, you will come in glory for the final gathering of the bridal party; you will revive the dead who are sleeping, the scattered and the corrupt; you will judge your servants with love — this is the happiness of paradise. What has not occurred to the human heart and what the ear has not heard, you have prepared as a reward for the combatants, at the fullness of time.

### Prayer of Forgiveness

To the Praise and Glory of the Holy and Glorious Trinity! Let us all pray and beseech the Lord for compassion and mercy.

May we be worthy to praise, confess, and glorify the One who renews every generation! In his grace Christ established the Church and constantly makes it new. He summons people to the Church, and within it they sing praise to him, who existed before the foundations of the earth. Therefore, it is proper to give praise and honour to Christ, now and for ever. Amen!

Glory to you, O marvellous One, our Light, Your pure Light has dispersed the darkness, and creatures are illumined by the glow of your countenance. We raise our plea to Christ, the Most High, who manifested himself to us in his hidden glory. Let us rejoice together in sweet hope; our night will end and the dawn will appear. Then we shall behold your splendid light. Lord, we now ask you, with the rising fragrance of this incense to remember, in your loving kindness, the Church you have built. In your love, save the inheritance you have received, guard your flock from all evil, and give rest in your kingdom to those who have departed. Bring us one day into your heavenly glory, that we may praise and glorify you for ever. Amen!

### Hymn of Incense

Alleluia! Receive, O Lord, this incense as you received Abraham's love on the mountain. As upon the good thief, let your mercy come on us, O Lord. Receive our incense, and come to us! O Lord, grant us forgiveness. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Beautiful is the service, and sweet is the fragrance which gives joy to the inhabitants of Heaven! O incense which ascended before the throne of the Most High, knower of all secrets, God called you: "What do human beings want? Ask and I will be willing to give. Be at peace. Alleluia!

Alleluia! "I am surrounded," says the Church, "by three high towers. They protect my Holy of Holies and my inheritance. They are three united in One with no division, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, these are the towers, and the bride Church within them, is a mystery. O Lord, answer our request. Alleluia!

Alleluia! There is no covenant in the world like the covenant of love. The Lord handed it to His Holy Church: He wrote it with His blood and sealed it with His cross. On the third day, it was disclosed. Adam read it and found in it the love of the Lord for the repentant sinner. O Lord, grant us pardon. Alleluia!

"There is nothing like love," says the Apostle Paul. Blessed is the one who grows in love, for that person sees the face of the Lord. With love, Moses saw the Lord on the top of the mountain. With love, the martyrs saw him. With love, the Church saw him on the cross. Behold, she sings glory to the Lord day and night, now and for ever. Alleluia!

### **Prayer after the Hymn of Incense**

O heavenly High Priest, you died to redeem us from our faults. O forgiving Oblation, You offered Yourself as a pleasing sacrifice to your Father. O pure Hyssop, you washed the wounds of our souls in your compassion. O Christ, you are the riches of the Father, and in you our supplications are heard and received. By you our faults are forgiven and our souls protected. Make us worthy of your graces on the glorious day of your manifestation, that we may glorify and thank you, now and for ever.

### **Hymn for the Readings**

The younger son did not know his father's great love. But the heart of the father was greater than the heart of the world.

Forgive our faults, O Lord, O great and true Father. Remorse and despair broke our hearts, but Your heart is greater than ours.

You accepted the offerings made by the righteous before us, Lord. Now accept our offering, comfort us, and be attentive to our prayers.

### **First Reading from Lamentations 3:1-24**

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; surely against me he turns his hand again and again the whole day long. He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked. He is to me like a bear lying in wait, like a lion in hiding; he led me off my way and tore me to pieces; he has made me desolate; he bent his bow and set me as a mark for his arrow. He drove into my heart the arrows of his quiver; I have become the laughingstock of all peoples, the burden of their songs all day long. He has filled me with bitterness; he has sated me with wormwood. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; my soul is bereft of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "Gone is my glory, and my expectation from the LORD." Remember my affliction and my bitterness, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

### **Litany of the Saints**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.  
God, the Father in heaven. Have mercy on us.  
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world. Have mercy on us.  
God, the Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, One God. Have mercy on us.  
Holy Mary, pray for us.  
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.  
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.  
St. Michael, pray for us.  
St. Gabriel, pray for us.  
St. Raphael, pray for us.  
All holy angels and archangels, pray for us.  
All holy orders of blessed spirits, pray for us.  
St. John the Baptist, pray for us.  
St. Joseph, pray for us.  
All holy patriarchs and prophets, pray for us.  
St. Peter, pray for us.  
St. Paul, pray for us.  
St. Andrew, pray for us.  
St. James, pray for us.  
St. John, pray for us.

St. Thomas, pray for us.  
St. James, pray for us.  
St. Philip, pray for us.  
St. Bartholomew, pray for us.  
St. Matthew, pray for us.  
St. Simon, pray for us.  
St. Thaddeus, pray for us.  
St. Matthias, pray for us.  
St. Barnabas, pray for us.  
St. Luke, pray for us.  
St. Mark, pray for us.  
St. Maron, pray for us.  
St. John-Maron, pray for us.  
All holy apostles and evangelists, pray for us.  
All holy disciples of the Lord, pray for us.  
All holy Innocents, pray for us.  
St. Stephen, pray for us.  
St. Lawrence, pray for us.  
St. Vincent, pray for us.  
SS. Fabian and Sebastian, pray for us.  
SS. John and Paul, pray for us.  
SS. Cosmas and Damian, pray for us.  
SS. Gervase and Protase, pray for us.  
All holy martyrs, pray for us.  
St. Sylvester, pray for us.  
St. Gregory, pray for us.  
St. Ambrose, pray for us.  
St. Augustine, pray for us.  
St. Jerome, pray for us.  
St. Martin, pray for us.  
St. Nicholas, pray for us.  
All holy bishops and confessors, pray for us.  
All holy doctors, pray for us.  
St. Anthony, pray for us.  
St. Benedict, pray for us.  
St. Bernard, pray for us.  
St. Dominic, pray for us.  
St. Francis, pray for us.  
St. Ephrem, pray for us.  
St. Sharbel, pray for us.  
St. Hardini, pray for us.  
All holy priests and levites, pray for us.  
All holy monks and hermits, pray for us.  
St. Mary Magdalen, pray for us.

St. Agatha, pray for us.  
St. Lucy, pray for us.  
St. Agnes, pray for us.  
St. Cecilia, pray for us.  
St. Catherine, pray for us.  
St. Anastasia, pray for us.  
St. Rafqa, pray for us.  
St. Marina, pray for us.  
All holy virgins and widows, pray for us.  
All holy saints of God, intercede for us.  
Be merciful, spare us, O Lord.  
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Lord.  
From all evil, deliver us, O Lord.  
From all sin, deliver us, O Lord.  
From your wrath, deliver us, O Lord.  
From sudden and unprovided death, deliver us, O Lord.  
From the snares of the devil, deliver us, O Lord.  
From anger, hatred, and all ill will, deliver us, O Lord.  
From all lewdness, deliver us, O Lord.  
From lightning and tempest, deliver us, O Lord.  
From the scourge of earthquakes, deliver us, O Lord.  
From plague, famine, and war, deliver us, O Lord.  
From everlasting death, deliver us, O Lord.  
By the mystery of your Holy Incarnation, deliver us, O Lord.  
By your coming, deliver us, O Lord.  
By your birth, deliver us, O Lord.  
By your baptism and holy fasting, deliver us, O Lord.  
By your cross and passion, deliver us, O Lord.  
By your death and burial, deliver us, O Lord.  
By your Holy Resurrection, deliver us, O Lord.  
By your wondrous ascension, deliver us, O Lord.  
By the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, deliver us, O Lord.  
On the Day of Judgment, deliver us, O Lord.  
We sinners, we beg you to hear us.  
That you spare us, we beg you to hear us.  
That you pardon us, we beg you to hear us.  
That you bring us to true penance, we beg you to hear us.  
That you govern and preserve your holy Church, we beg you to hear us.  
That you preserve our Holy Father and all ranks in the Church in holy religion, we beg you to hear us.  
That you humble the enemies of Holy Church, we beg you to hear us.  
That you give peace and true concord to all Christian rulers. We beg you to hear us.  
That you give peace and unity to the whole Christian world, we beg you to hear us.

That you restore to the unity of the Church all who have strayed from the truth, and lead all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel, we beg you to hear us.

That you confirm and preserve us in your Holy service, we beg you to hear us.

That you lift up our minds to heavenly desires, we beg you to hear us.

That you grant everlasting blessings to all our benefactors, we beg you to hear us.

That you deliver our souls and the souls of our brethren, relatives, and benefactors from everlasting damnation, we beg you to hear us.

That you give and preserve the fruits of the earth, we beg you to hear us.

That you grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, we beg you to hear us.

That you graciously hear us, we beg you to hear us.

Son of God, we beg you to hear us.

### **Second Reading from St John Chrysostom**

Shall I list the paths of repentance? There are certainly many of them, many and various, and all of them lead to heaven.

The first path is the path of condemnation of sins. As Isaiah says, tell your sins, and you will be acquitted. And the Psalmist adds: I said "I will bear witness against myself before the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. So you, too must condemn the sins you have committed. Condemn them, and that condemnation will excuse you in front of the Lord, since whoever condemns the sins he has committed will be slower to commit them next time. Stir up your own conscience to be your accuser – so that when you come before the judgement-seat of the Lord no-one will rise up to accuse you.

This is the first path of repentance but the second is in no way inferior to it in excellence. It is to forget the harm done to us by our enemies, to master our anger, to forgive the sins of those who are slaves together with us. As much as we do this, so much will our own sins against the Lord be forgiven. So this is the second path to the expiation of our sins. As the Lord says, Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours.

Would you like to know the third path of repentance? It is prayer: fervent prayer, sincere and focused prayer, prayer coming from the depths of the heart.

If you want to know the fourth path, I will tell you it is the giving of alms. It has great power. And finally, if someone acts with modesty and humility, that path is no less effective as a way to deprive sin of its substance. Look at the publican, who had no good deeds to speak of. In place of good deeds he offered humility, and the huge burden of his sins fell away.

So now I have shown you the five paths of repentance. First, condemnation of sins. Second, forgiving the sins of those near us. Third, prayer. Fourth, almsgiving. Fifth, humility.

So do not be idle, but every day advance along all these paths at once. They are not hard paths to follow. Poverty is no excuse for not setting out on the journey. Even if you are destitute you



can do all these things: put aside anger, carry humility in front of you, pray hard, condemn your sins. Poverty is no obstacle – not even to that path of penitence that demands money: that is, almsgiving. Remember the story of the widow's mite.

Now we have learnt the right way to heal our wounds, let us apply these remedies. Let us regain true health and confidently receive the blessings of Holy Communion. Thus we may come, filled with glory, to the glory of Christ's Kingdom, and receive its eternal joys through the grace, mercy, and kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Psalms 53, 54**

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none that does good. God looks down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any that are wise, that seek after God. They have all fallen away; they are all alike depraved; there is none that does good, no, not one. Have those who work evil no understanding, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God? There they are, in great terror, in terror such as has not been! For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly; they will be put to shame, for God has rejected them. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Save me, O God, by thy name, and vindicate me by thy might. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. For insolent men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before them. Selah. Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. He will requite my enemies with evil; in thy faithfulness put an end to them. With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to thee; I will give thanks to thy name, O LORD, for it is good. For thou hast delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

### **A Reading from 1 John 4**

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already. Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us,

because He has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the Day of Judgment, because as He is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us. If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

### **Psalm**

May all the powers kneel at the name of Jesus, both in heaven and in hell.

### **A Reading from 1 Timothy 1:3-20**

Brothers; As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies which promote speculations rather than the divine training that is in faith; whereas the aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith. Certain persons by swerving from these have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions. Now we know that the law is good, if any one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, immoral persons, sodomites, kidnapers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the glorious Gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. I thank Him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful by appointing me to His service, though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted Him; but I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. This charge I commit to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophetic utterances which pointed to you, that inspired by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith, among them Hymenae'us and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. Praise be to God always!

## **Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are those who have their transgressions forgiven and their sins forgotten.

Alleluia!

## **A reading from the Gospel of St. John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

## **Supplication of the Holy Archangel Michael**

O glorious Archangel St. Michael, Prince of the heavenly host, defend us in battle, and in the struggle which is ours against the principalities and Powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against spirits of evil in high places. Come to the aid of men, whom God created immortal, made in his own image and likeness, and redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of the devil. Fight this day the battle of the Lord, together with the holy angels, as already thou hast fought the leader of the proud angels, Lucifer, and his apostate host, who were powerless to resist thee, nor was there place for them any longer in Heaven. But that cruel, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil or Satan, who seduces the whole world, was cast into the abyss with all his angels.

Behold!, this primeval enemy and slayer of man has taken courage, Transformed into an angel of light, he wanders about with all the multitude of wicked spirits, invading the Earth in order to blot out the name of God and of His Christ, to seize upon, slay and cast into eternal perdition souls destined for the crown of eternal glory. This wicked dragon pours out, as a most impure flood, the venom of his malice on men of depraved mind and corrupt heart, the spirit of lying, of impiety, of blasphemy, and the pestilent breath of impurity, and of every vice and iniquity.

These most crafty enemies have filled and inebriated with gall and bitterness the Church, the spouse of the Immaculate Lamb, and have laid impious hands on her most sacred possessions. In the Holy Place itself, where has been set up the See of the most holy Peter and the Chair of

Truth for the light of the world, they have raised the throne of their abominable impiety, with the iniquitous design that when the Pastor has been struck, the sheep may be scattered.

Arise then, O invincible prince, bring help against the attacks of the lost spirits to the people of God, and bring them the victory. The Holy Church venerates thee as protector and patron; in thee Holy Church glories as her defence against the malicious powers of this world and of hell; to thee has God entrusted the souls of men to be established in heavenly beatitude. Oh, pray to the God of peace that He may put Satan under our feet, so far conquered that he may no longer be able to hold men in captivity and harm the Church. Offer our prayers in the sight of the Most High, so that they may quickly conciliate the mercies of the Lord; and beating down the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, do thou again make him captive in the abyss, that he may no longer seduce the nations. Amen!

### **Supplication of the Church**

O Son, by your resurrection you saved your Church from error; hear our supplication and have mercy on us. You reconciled Heaven and Earth, grant peace to your Church and keep her children in the light of the Cross.

Glory to the Father, through His revelation to the prophets, they foretold of the Church; adoration to the Son, the martyrs crowned Him the head of the Church; thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, who came to abide in the Church; to the One and all-powerful Trinity, be glory for ever.

Let us remember the prophets, apostles and martyrs, all those who have laboured and suffered in the vineyard of the Lord: Saint James, Saint Maron and his companions, and Saint Ephrem, the harp of the Holy Spirit.

O God, through their prayers, strengthen the weak, comfort the sick, grant pardon to the deceased and forgive the faults of us poor sinners. Exalt, O Lord, the memory of your Mother and your saints; through their prayers grant pardon to us and to our deceased. Through the prayers of your Mother, the prophets apostles and martyrs, watch over the living, and in your mercy, forgive those who have died.

### **Supplication of Saint James**

Come, you who are angry, and make peace with your enemies. Bow your head with your enemies. Bow your head before them and embrace them. Engrave in yourself the sign of the Son of God as he humbles himself before the brethren, so humble yourself!

O disciple who shows anger toward your neighbour, look for another Lord than the crucified One. Those who show anger, not love, toward their neighbour are against the Lord.

O disciple who seeks to imitate the Lord, come and see how Christ humbled himself and, like Him, seek humility. He gave you the command of pardon and gave the keys of pardon to the head of the disciples.

O merciful One, you destroyed anger; through your blood you established peace between the inhabitants of heaven and earth. By your Good News, you made all people brothers and sisters. Glory and praise to the Trinity.

### **Examination of Conscience**

I [Name of the Person Offering this Prayer] firmly embrace and accept each and every definition that has been set forth and declared by the unerring teaching authority of the Church, especially those principal truths which are directly opposed to the errors of this day. And first of all, I profess that God, the origin and end of all things, can be known with certainty by the natural light of reason from the created world, that is, from the visible works of creation, as a cause from its effects, and that, therefore, His existence can also be demonstrated: Secondly, I accept and acknowledge the external proofs of revelation, that is, divine acts and especially miracles and prophecies as the surest signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion and I hold that these same proofs are well adapted to the understanding of all eras and all men, even of this time. Thirdly, I believe with equally firm faith that the Church, the guardian and teacher of the revealed word, was personally instituted by the real and historical Christ when he lived among us, and that the Church was built upon Peter, the prince of the apostolic hierarchy, and his successors for the duration of time. Fourthly, I sincerely hold that the doctrine of faith was handed down to us from the apostles through the orthodox Fathers in exactly the same meaning and always in the same purport. Therefore, I entirely reject the heretical misrepresentation that dogmas evolve and change from one meaning to another different from the one which the Church held previously. I also condemn every error according to which, in place of the divine deposit which has been given to the spouse of Christ to be carefully guarded by her, there is put a philosophical figment or product of a human conscience that has gradually been developed by human effort and will continue to develop indefinitely. Fifthly, I hold with certainty and sincerely confess that faith is not a blind sentiment of religion welling up from the depths of the subconscious under the impulse of the heart and the motion of a will trained to morality; but faith is a genuine assent of the intellect to truth received by hearing from an external source. By this assent, because of the authority of the supremely truthful God, we believe to be true that which has been revealed and attested to by a personal God, our Creator and Lord.

Furthermore, with due reverence, I submit and adhere with my whole heart to the condemnations, declarations, and all the prescripts contained in the encyclical Pascendi and in the decree Lamentabili, especially those concerning what is known as the history of dogmas. I also reject the error of those who say that the faith held by the Church can contradict history, and that Catholic dogmas, in the sense in which they are now understood, are irreconcilable with a more realistic view of the origins of the Christian religion. I also condemn and reject the opinion of those who say that a well-educated Christian assumes a dual personality-that of a

believer and at the same time of a historian, as if it were permissible for a historian to hold things that contradict the faith of the believer, or to establish premises which, provided there be no direct denial of dogmas, would lead to the conclusion that dogmas are either false or doubtful. Likewise, I reject that method of judging and interpreting Sacred Scripture which, departing from the tradition of the Church, the analogy of faith, and the norms of the Apostolic See, embraces the misrepresentations of the rationalists and with no prudence or restraint adopts textual criticism as the one and supreme norm. Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a professor lecturing or writing on a historical-theological subject should first put aside any preconceived opinion about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine promise of help to preserve all revealed truth forever; and that they should then interpret the writings of each of the Fathers solely by scientific principles, excluding all sacred authority, and with the same liberty of judgment that is common in the investigation of all ordinary historical documents.

Finally, I declare that I am completely opposed to the error of the modernists/the humanist/the feminist who hold that there is nothing divine in sacred tradition; or what is far worse, say that there is, but in a pantheistic sense, with the result that there would remain nothing but this plain simple fact-one to be put on a par with the ordinary facts of history-the fact, namely, that a group of men by their own labour, skill, and talent have continued through subsequent ages a school begun by Christ and his apostles. I firmly hold, then, and shall hold to my dying breath the belief of the Fathers in the charism of truth, which certainly is, was, and always will be in the succession of the episcopacy from the apostles. The purpose of this is, then, not that dogma may be tailored according to what seems better and more suited to the culture of each age; rather, that the absolute and immutable truth preached by the apostles from the beginning may never be believed to be different, may never be understood in any other way.

I promise that I shall keep all these articles faithfully, entirely, and sincerely, and guard them inviolate, in no way deviating from them in teaching or in any way in word or in writing. Thus I promise, this I swear, so help me God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit One True God. Amen!

### **Conclusion**

**Lord, have mercy!** Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Glory to You! Glory to You! Glory to You! God Our Father who is in Heaven. By your Living and Holy name keeps us from evil and don't enter us into temptation. Upon you, at all times, is our hope; we call You Our Lord and Our God. To You be Glory Forever. Amen!

**Holy are you, O God;** Holy are you, O Strong One; Holy are you, O Immortal One! Have mercy on us!

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive us and have mercy on us. Lord, hear us and have mercy on us. Lord, accept our worship and our prayers. Lord, come to our assistance and have mercy on us.

**Our Father**, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name; your Kingdom come; your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

**Hail Mary**, full of grace! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen!

**We believe** in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified, He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!